



# SALEM FIRE-EMS

## NEWS RELEASE

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### STRUCTURE FIRE AT 1616 CONEHURST BLVD.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 1616 Conehurst Blvd. this afternoon, at approximately 12:24 p.m. The residence was evacuated when fire crews arrived and no one was injured during the fire. Initially, there was concern about some gunpowder that the homeowner had stored in the attic of the structure, but the fire was contained and never reached that area of the house. Firefighters were able to safely remove the gunpowder.

The first Fire and EMS unit arrived within 3 minutes of receiving the call and found heavy smoke coming from the front of the building. The fire was contained to 2 rooms of the structure, and it was brought under control within 20 minutes after the first unit arrived.

Approximately 21 individuals from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, & Engine 3), Roanoke Fire & EMS (Ladder 13 & Medic 4), and the Salem Rescue Squad (Squad 1) responded to the call. Additional off-duty personnel were called in to cover additional calls.

The fire remains under investigation by the Salem Fire & EMS Fire Marshal's Office, and there is no damage estimate at this time. The home did receive significant fire and smoke damage. The Red Cross is assisting the homeowners with lodging.

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